



Informational Notes for First Responders and Officials

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FY'06 Grants To Be Based Upon "Risk and Need"

By Tom Mohr, Homeland Security Grant Manager

The FY2006 Department of Homeland Security (DHS) grant program will be developed along three lines, each state will get a "baseline" award, the federal government will assign a risk factor and states will develop a "need" factor as discussed below. This portion is competitive with the other states and territories.

During the months of January and February, the State and the UASI cities will conduct a series of meetings to address the Capability Review, Enhancement Plan development, and proceed with the Investment Justification. SEMA will then consolidate all the information and submit the information to DHS as part of the DHS online Grant Management System (GMS). The Enhancement Plan and Investment Justification have to be submitted by March 2, 2006. DHS will announce the awards by May 31, 2006. *The FY2006 grant program has added an eighth National Priority: National Review of Emergency Operations Plans and the Status of Catastrophic Planning.

Sikeston Earthquake Town Hall Meeting Set for Jan 31, 2006

The City of Sikeston is hosting an Earthquake Town Hall Meeting at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 31 at the Clinton Building in Sikeston. Keynote speaker, Dr. Steve Horton, a research scientist with the University of Memphis, will give an overview of the Earthquake Hazard. Other panelists at the Sikeston meeting include: Tom Bridger (City of Sikeston Emergency Coordinator), Drew Juden (Sikeston Public Safety Director and Missouri Seismic Safety Commissioner), Mark Winkler (SEMA Area Coordinator), General King Sidwell (Adjutant General of the Missouri National Guard), Jim Palmer (Department of Natural Resources Geology and Land Survey), Sue Evers (FEMA), and Jim Wilkinson (Central United States Earthquake Consortium).

SEMA to Host 330 County Commissioners Feb 2, 2006

By statute, all 330 County Commissioners must attend training in Jefferson City the first week in February. The Missouri Association of Counties (MAC) asked SEMA to provide a tour of the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) and a brief overview of emergency management responsibilities to all the commissioners on February 2.

Emergency Planning for Special Needs Populations Presented in SW MO

By Dante Gliniecki, Statewide Volunteer Coordinator

The pilot presentation of the Special Needs Plan was unveiled at the January Region D Area Coordinator Meeting. The presentation featured the latest State Emergency Operations Plan Annex for Special Needs, plus a summary of state level Standard Operating Guides, a local special needs population planning template, and a Planning Toolkit. The presentation is designed to help local jurisdictions learn the planning framework for special needs populations preparedness activities. This presentation is available to be presented at future SEMA Area Coordinator meetings.

SEMA Newsletters Posted to Homepage

The SEMA Winter Newsletters are now posted to the SEMA homepage. Features in the SEMA Newsletter include Earthquake Planning/Preparedness, Communications and Spring Conferences, training classes, hurricane response, and homeland security. Here is the link to the SEMA newsletter: <http://sema.dps.mo.gov/semanews.pdf>. The Mitigation Newsletter has 2006 training and seminars information. Here is the link to the Mitigation Newsletter: <http://sema.dps.mo.gov/mitnews.pdf>. The MERC Newsletter has information on Tier II reporting, short articles and electronic links for hazardous materials response, and information on the free Missouri Meth Whopper 2006 classes taught by Missouri State Highway Patrol and Missouri Department of Natural Resources. Here is the link to the MERC newsletter: <http://sema.dps.mo.gov/mercnews.pdf>.

Fire Service's Role in Taum Sauk Response

On December 14th when the wall of the Tom Sauk Reservoir collapsed, the Lesterville Fire Department responded to assist in the evacuation of the residents of Lesterville. Additionally, fire service personnel from Mutual Aid Regions A and E stood up response teams in anticipation of the need for additional resources in the area affected by the potential flooding. These resources included approximately 100 personnel and the equipment necessary to conduct heavy rescue and swift-water rescue operations. The Division of Fire Safety also responded to the State Emergency Operations Center. This information has been included in the Taum Sauk Dam Response Story in the SEMA Winter 05 Newsletter.

FEMA Announces Final Evacuee Hotel Program Extension - Feb. 7, 2006

The Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) announced all Hurricane Katrina and Rita evacuees in the FEMA hotel/motel direct bill program will be subsidized by the federal program through at least Feb. 7 as they continue to make longer-term housing arrangements, consistent with a recent Court Order. FEMA also announced it will begin using a new authorization code process immediately to provide direct-bill hotel assistance beyond Feb. 7 to Hurricane Katrina and Rita evacuees on a case-by-case basis.

Evacuees in hotels and motels must contact FEMA by January 30 at 1-800-621-FEMA (TTY 1-800-462-7585) to receive a unique authorization code that must be presented to a hotel or motel to extend the federal subsidy for their hotel stay beyond the night of Feb. 6. FEMA payments for hotel or motel rooms will end on February 7 for those evacuees who do not contact FEMA for an authorization code. The code will also immediately be required for evacuees who change hotels or are checking in for the first time between now and Feb. 7.

Crisis Communications Conference Set for Feb 9-10

SEMA will host the Crisis Communications Conference Feb. 10-11, 2006 at Osage Beach. This year's conference will focus on Auxiliary Communications Service, Update on State Interoperability, 9-1-1 TERT/9-1-1 Addressing, 2 AM Tornado – Evansville Event, MEPN – Six Meter Packet, Regionalization and Communication Interoperability. There is no conference fee! SEMA is also offering a four hour credited course for telecommunicators/dispatchers on "IS-700 NIMS for Telecommunicators," from 8 AM – 12:00 noon and from 1:00 – 5:00 PM on Friday, February 11. There is no cost for this credited course. Here is the link for more information: <http://sema.dps.mo.gov/CrisisCommConf2006.htm>

MoDOT's Express Lane Newsletter

Current issues contains information about Surplus MoDOT Equipment for Sale Online, Practical Design Manuel, 2006 I-44 Road Construction projects and Web map 24/7 Road conditions. Here is the link to MoDOT's electronic newsletter: <http://www.modot.mo.gov/ExpressLane/index.htm>

Fire Departments Receive Firefighter Grants

Compiled from OPD Firefighter Grant Page

These Missouri Fire Departments received Firefighter Assistance grants in Rounds 18-xx:

Operations and Safety Grants were awarded to: Eminence VFD (\$85,500), Ladue FD (\$71,250), Zalma FD (\$70,604).

MoDOT Completes Florida EMAC Deployment Dec 15, 2005

By Rick Bennett, MoDOT

In early November, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) received an Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) request from Broward County Florida to assist with recovery from Hurricane Wilma. The county needed help repairing over 2000 traffic signals that were damaged by the storm. On November 14, seven (7) MoDOT employees, four (4) trucks and two (2) trailers loaded with replacement parts and a car departed for Florida. Broward County asked MoDOT to continue repair work after Thanksgiving. All personnel were flown home for Thanksgiving. After Thanksgiving, seven (7) MoDOT employees returned to Florida to work until December 15.

MoDOT crews worked 7 days a week for a total of 2205 man-hours. There were over 300 intersections repaired, over 7500 feet of span wire replaced, 800 signal heads and 400 signal disconnects repaired or replaced, 80 school cross walks repaired and over 30 pedestrian crossings repaired. The personnel spent the evening hours at the County signal shop going through the piles of broken signals in an effort to get enough supplies for the next days work.

MoDOT employees were John Diggs (Central Office), John Bickel and Chris Weikel (District 4), Kevin Eggemeyer and Doug Block (District 5), Larry Layton, Miguel Noriega, and Bill Arney (District 6), Patrick Turner, Larry Dill, Gary Vandergrift and Bob Barnes (District 8).

Burton Joins Southeast Missouri Hospital Foundation

Mary Burton has been named to lead the Southeast Missouri Hospital Foundation. She was the executive director of the American Red Cross Southeast Missouri Chapter. The Southeast ARC chapter is beginning a search to replace Burton. Good Luck Mary.

NWS Begins Scheduling Weather Spotter Classes

The National Weather Service is beginning to schedule Weather Spotter classes for local emergency management offices. Be sure to continue to check for different links for the Weather Spotter Classes for new class listings.

Here is the link for St Louis area: <http://www.crh.noaa.gov/lx/?n=schedule>.

Here is the link for the Kansas City area: <http://www.crh.noaa.gov/eax/safety/outreach.php>

Here is the link for Southeast Missouri area: <http://www.crh.noaa.gov/pah/?n=spottertraining>

Here is the link to Springfield area: http://www.crh.noaa.gov/sgf/?n=spotter_classes_index

2006 Earthquake Awareness Activities and Campaign Posted to Homepage

The Earthquake Awareness Campaign is posted to SEMA's home page the address is: <http://sema.dps.mo.gov/semapage.htm>

Earthquake Week Activities Include:

- **January 31 (Tuesday): 6:30 p.m. Sikeston Earthquake Town Hall meeting**, Clinton Building, 501 Campanella St., Sikeston.
- **Feb1-15, 2006:** The Department of Natural Resources Division of Land Survey and Geology in Rolla will have an earthquake exhibit at the Truman State Office Buildings in Jefferson City.

- **Feb. 3 (Friday): 8:30 a.m. "Earthquakes Mean Business Seminar"** at the AT&T Data Center Auditorium, at Ninth and Chestnut streets in downtown St. Louis. While, the seminar is free, attendees must pre-register by emailing Tim Bonno at tb8851@sbc.com.
- **Feb 3 (Friday): 1:30 p.m. The Missouri Seismic Safety Commission** quarterly meeting.
- **Feb 4 (Saturday): 10 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Hands on Exhibits** for children and adults at the St. Louis Science Center.
- **Feb 4-5 (Saturday & Sunday): Earthquake Workshop for Teachers** cosponsored with Department of Natural Resources. Teachers must pre-register with DNR.
- **Feb 5 (Sunday): noon – 5 p.m., Cape Girardeau Mall** will have Earthquake Exhibits and Citizen Emergency Response Team (CERT) safety demonstrations.
- **Feb 6 (Monday): 10 a.m.** the St. Louis Area Earthquake Hazards Mapping Project meeting.
- **Feb 9 (Thursday): 7-8:30 p.m., Rolla** the Department of Natural Resources Division of Geology and Land Survey, 111 Fairgrounds Road. The Division will host a Town Hall Meeting on Earthquake Hazards for citizens of Pulaski County.

Upcoming Area Coordinator Meetings

Here is a list of upcoming SEMA Area Coordinator meetings:

Area A:	10 a.m., February 23, 2006	City Hall, Raymore
Area E:	11 a.m., February 3, 2006	Fisherman's Net Restaurant, Sikeston
Area G:	11:30 a.m., March 8, 2006	Hillbilly Junction Restaurant, Willow Springs

Dopp Named SEMA POC for HSRT Teams

Bob Dopp, Executive Director of the Missouri Emergency Response Commission (MERC), will serve as the single point of contact for SEMA with the Homeland Security Response Teams (HRST). Dopp will work closely with the Missouri's Homeland Security Coordinator Paul Fennwald, and the State Fire Marshal Randy Cole to coordinate procedures, guidelines and functions for the teams. SEMA will continue to oversee federal grant funding, coordinate regional training and exercises for the teams.

A HSRT subcommittee was established to write HSRT team Standard Operating Guidelines (SOGs) for incident notification, team activation and deployment. Dopp, AJ Lehman SEMA Exercise Officer and Debbie Cheshire SEMA Homeland Security Exercise Program Manager provide staff support to the HSRT subcommittee.